

# GLADIATOR WEEKLY UPDATE

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## Upcoming Events

8/8 - Greet the Gladiators

8/9 - First Day of School

8/15 - 8/17 - HS Retreat

8/22-8/26 - Community  
Investment Celebration

8/25 - Curriculum Night

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## 22.23 Calendar

10/10 - 10/14 - Fall Break

12/19- 1/2 - Winter Break

3/13 - 3/17 - Spring Break

5/25 - Last Day of School



## Greet the Gladiators - August 8th

Join your fellow Gladiators at our annual *Greet the Gladiators (Open House)* on **Monday, August 8th** to receive your schedule, locker assignments (and organization, if you wish!), books, have a chance to meet the teachers, and other exciting opportunities to kick off the 22.23 school year! Questions? Please reach out to [Angie Nelson](#). **This is a family event so parents feel free join your students!**

**Please follow this schedule:**

**9:00am - 10:00am - New NPX Students Only**

**10:30am - 12:30pm - All Students Welcome**

## First Day of School - August 9th

We look forward to welcoming students on Tuesday, August 9th for a **full day** of school: 8:20am - 3:30pm.



## Academy Giving

**Did you know? Community Investment is the best way to support North Phoenix Prep! Community Investment Funds** help keep our curriculum rigorous while supporting our teachers and administration. Does your family want to support our school through Community Investment? Email [Jackie Curtis](#), Family Giving & Community Engagement Officer, with any questions or click [here](#) for more information.

## PSO Corner

**PSO Website**

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## Preparation for the 22.23 School Year

### **NPX Family Handbook**

### **NPX Uniform Policy & Dress Code Details**

NPX is proud to partner with [Anton Uniforms](#) and [Dennis Uniforms](#) which have uniforms available at their retail locations and through their online ordering systems.

Note: There will be a grace period for students to be in uniform compliance. Beginning Monday, 8/15, uniform infractions will be given should students remain out of uniform compliance.

### **Books & Supplies**

Click to view the 2022-2023 consumable book lists for each grade level, [Classics to Keep](#), and [Grade Level Supply Lists](#).

### **Textbook Deposit Link**

### **Consumables and Contributions**

These include select workbooks, science and fine arts supplies used in class, Gladiator teams contributions, student planners, and testing fees.

[7th & 8th Grade Consumables](#)

[9th & 10th Grade Consumables](#)

[11th & 12th Grade Consumables](#)

### **Bell Schedule**

We have updated the bell schedule for this school year (Wednesday dismissal has been changed). Please access it here: [Bell Schedule](#).

### **Drop-Off & Pickup - Plan Accordingly!**

The City of Phoenix continues to conduct extensive roadwork on 32nd Street that will impact drop-off and pickup this school year. Please plan to leave your homes earlier than normal for on-time arrival to school.

## From the Desk of the Office Manager

### *Have your plans changed?*

While we certainly do not want to lose any student, we understand that educational plans change. Please contact Angie Nelson as soon as possible should your child be withdrawing from NPX. Please note: Transcripts and records will not be released to another school until officially withdrawn from NPX.

## Lost Canyon Retreat - ALL High School Students



**Calling all High School Gladiators!** Now is the time to secure your spot at this year's All High School Retreat! This is our annual retreat to Lost Canyon in Williams, Arizona which will be held **August 15 - 17, 2022**. We play games, build spirit and friendships, and have a fantastic start to the school year. Securing your spot is an easy, online process. Simply submit your payment and complete a registration form. We also need parent volunteers!

Registration = \$240

(The last day to register is 8/13, by midnight).

Questions? Email Ms. Schripsema.

Parent Volunteers? Email Sarah Miller.



## Gladiator Athletics

*Registration is OPEN for the following teams:*



**Middle School** – Coed flag football, boys & girls cross country, and girls volleyball

**High School** – Boys & girls cross country, and girls volleyball

Go to our **NEW ATHLETICS WEBSITE** for registration details and upcoming game schedules!

**Note: All participants must be fully registered to participate including a physical. We highly recommend you get the physicals completed at your earliest convenience.**

Here is a link to the only form that will be accepted as proof of a completed physical: <https://aiaonline.org/files/16936/forms-157-a-d.pdf>

For more info please email our AD, Joe Page, at [ipage@northphoenixprep.org](mailto:ipage@northphoenixprep.org).



## College Counseling Update

Happy new school year from your College Counselors, Ms. Conner and Mrs. Martin!

Check out our updated **NPX College Counseling webpage** for college planning tools, standardized testing information, financial aid resources, and more.

### *Attention Seniors - Students and Families*

Please familiarize yourself with the **Fall Prep Checklist** and reference our **latest email** for a few ways to support your scholar this fall.

### *Upcoming Event for Seniors:*

***Supplemental Essay Webinar*** – Monday, August 1st from 6:30PM – 7:00PM. Prompt.com staff will share with Great Hearts families how to write stand-out supplemental essays.

***In-State Application Workshops*** – Wednesday, August 3rd. Attend online application workshops for every in-state school from your college list. An admissions representative will walk you through their application from start to finish. Access the Zoom links: [Applications Zoom](#)

9 – 10:30 AM Northern Arizona University Zoom

11 – 12:30 PM University of Arizona Zoom

1 – 2:30 PM Arizona State University Zoom

3 – 4 PM Grand Canyon University Zoom



**Informal Zoom Chat** - Friday, August 5th from 12:00-1:00 PM. Ask your questions and share summer adventures! Here is the Zoom link: **Informal Zoom Chat**

**Senior Bootcamp** - Saturday, August 20th from 9 AM – 2 PM in the MPR. **This event is mandatory!** Review the [Fall Prep Checklist](#) for next steps to be ready for Bootcamp!

**FAFSA Workshop** – Wednesday, October 5th at 6:30 PM in the MPR. We have partnered with Grand Canyon University to host a FAFSA Workshop on campus. [RSVP online](#).

### *Juniors*

Every first Wednesday of the month, attend **required** College Prep Workshops from 2:45 – 3:45 PM in the MPR.

Wednesday, September 7th – College 101

Wednesday, October 5th – All Things Testing (PSAT, SAT, ACT, AP Credit, CLEP)

Wednesday, November 2nd – Values Assessment & Notable Scholarships

Wednesday, December 7th – Naviance College List

### *Freshmen – Sophomores*

Check out this [TEDx Talk](#) on how to improve your study habits by setting goals and managing time!

## Gladiator Sweatshirts

Purchase your classroom-approved Gladiator Sweatshirts at our Greet the Gladiator event! Purchase for \$30 - cash only.



## Notes from the Academic Dean

Greetings Gladiator Parents!

Welcome to the 2022-23 school year! I hope everyone had a restful and relaxing summer and are ready for the new school year. In my role as the Academic Dean, you will receive communication from me weekly, sometimes twice a week. I wanted to take a moment to let you know what the communications are and when they will start.



### HOMEWORK CHARTS

At the beginning of each school week, you will receive an email with a link to each grade level's homework chart. Teachers update these charts each week and these are a guide as to what each night of homework will be. The first Homework Chart of the 22.23 school year will be sent out on Monday August 15<sup>th</sup>. *Please check your junk email folders to ensure that you are receiving the charts each week.*

### MISSING ASSIGNMENT REPORTS

Each Friday, beginning August 26<sup>th</sup>, I run a report that captures missing work, absent work, or incomplete work. These reports are run for the previous week and are sent home as communication. Please ensure that you are aware of each teacher's late work policy and communicate any questions or concerns directly to the teachers.

I hope both of these pieces of communication are helpful for your family. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions. I am looking forward to working with you and your child during the upcoming school year!

[Michelle Jensen](#) | Dean of Students

## Counselor's Corner

I am so excited to be returning to NPX this year as the School Counselor! I had a great time meeting a lot of our incoming 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders in June at *Camp Gladiator*. I will be collaborating with the Lanistae and Gladiator Team programs, and I cannot wait to see our students grow socially & emotionally in virtuous behavior. Please reach out if you have questions for me this year. I am here for all 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Gladiators!

[Erin Hatch](#) | School Counselor



## PSO - Parent Service Organization

The Parent Service Organization (PSO) is a community of parent volunteers that provides a support system to enrich students' academic experience. We volunteer our time, sponsor, and promote social activities, and provide programs that support the faculty and administration in their efforts to fulfill the Great Hearts mission of cultivating the hearts and minds of students in the pursuit of Truth, Goodness and Beauty. On behalf of the PSO leadership team, I would like to welcome you to the 2002-2023 academic school year. I hope that all of you have had a wonderful summer and are ready for what this school year will bring.

This year the PSO will be focusing on the community aspect of our charge and setting an ambitious participation goal for 40% of the school's parents to participate in a PSO sponsored event. Those events will range from volunteering at the school or at socials, attending parent-teacher mixers and restaurant nights, to participating in our grateful hearts holiday appreciation. **Our first PSO meeting is scheduled for August 25th at 8:30 am and will take place in person at the school.** This is my second year at the school and my first year with the PSO, maybe I should have attended a meeting before I volunteered to become the President! Despite my impulsive enthusiasm I am looking forward to serving our community this school year and hope you to throw caution to the wind and help us meet the 40% goal.

I look forward to creating memories for our community that will last a lifetime, thank you for your time.

Darrell Horton

Parent Service Organization 2022-2023

## Fundraising Opportunity - Amazon Smiles

If you shop on Amazon, please consider signing up for Amazon Smile - a passive revenue opportunity to raise money for our PSO. For people using mobile app to shop Amazon, AmazonSmile renewals are required twice a year. For people using mobile app to shop Amazon, AmazonSmile renewals are required twice a year. There is no renewal period for browser shopping on AmazonSmile, which you can use anytime by typing '[smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)' into your browser.



## Reporting Absences

To report your scholar(s) absence, please provide an email to [Attendance@NorthPhoenixPrep.org](mailto:Attendance@NorthPhoenixPrep.org) with the following information:

1. Student(s) First and Last Name
2. Grade
3. Date of Absence(s)
4. Reason for absence (*please be specific*)

## Absences

When a student is absent and in need of make-up work, they should first check the Weekly Homework Chart for assignments. Should they have questions or need additional assignments, they are to email their teacher(s) directly. Please do not ask the attendance line to acquire assignments for your student. If items need to be picked up from campus, teachers will leave these items in the front office.

## Tardies

We require any appointments (e.g., medical, dental, etc.) reported as a tardy to bring the documentation/slip from that office for auditing purposes. At time of check in, our Raptor system, allows to select reason for tardy " Doctor/Dentist or appointments, **a slip must be given to our Front Desk team upon entry.**

## Parking on Campus



When the school year begins, please be mindful of signage that designates Faculty Parking spots. We have just enough parking spots for our faculty and administration and when a spot is taken, even if it may be for a short period of time, our faculty is left scrambling for a spot - which may make them late to teach! Thank you in advance for parking in the guest designated spots in front of school, or in Visitor parking spots near the Archway playground.



Attention all Great Hearts North Phoenix Families – both Archway and Prep – Please note that both of the parking lots – front and back – of the church on Hearn Rd. will be closed from August 8-21 for repaving.

The church has requested that we do not use the parking lots and any car parked in either lot during these dates will be subject to being towed at the

owners expense. Thank you very much for your help in making us good neighbors just as the church is toward us.

